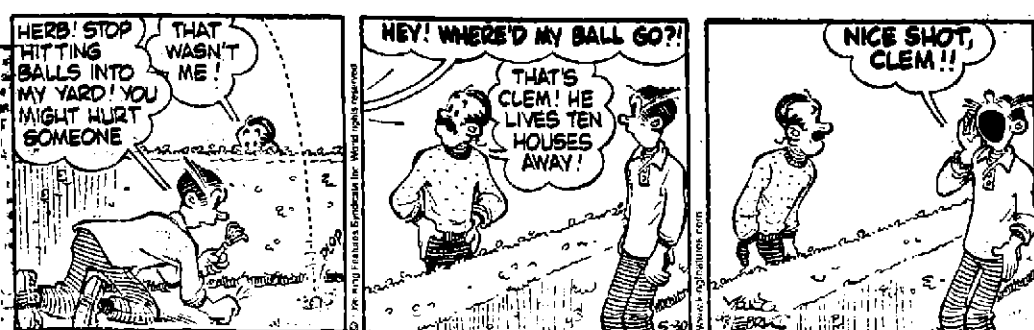


BLONDIE



SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



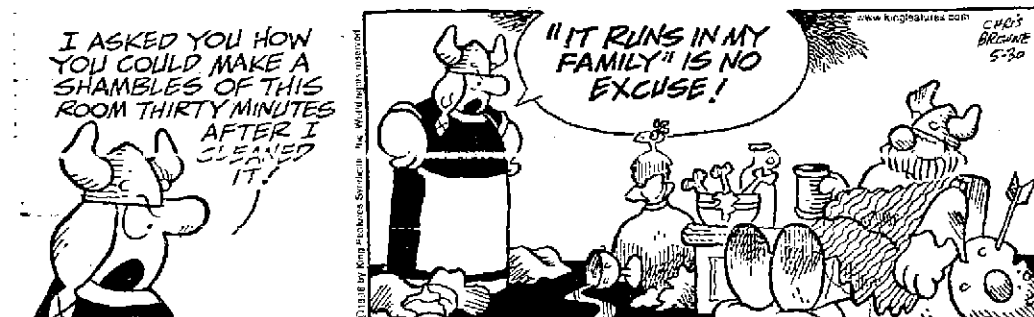
ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



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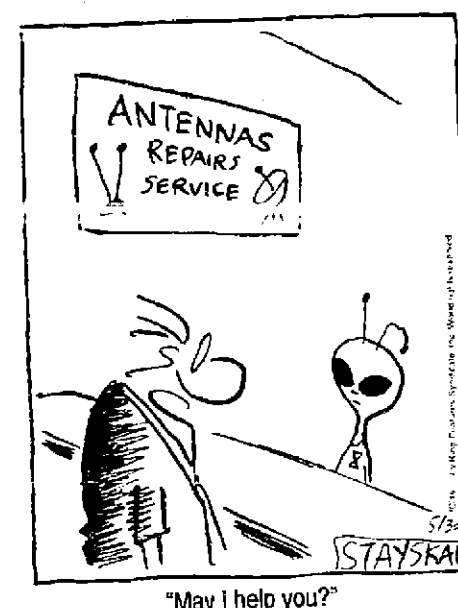
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



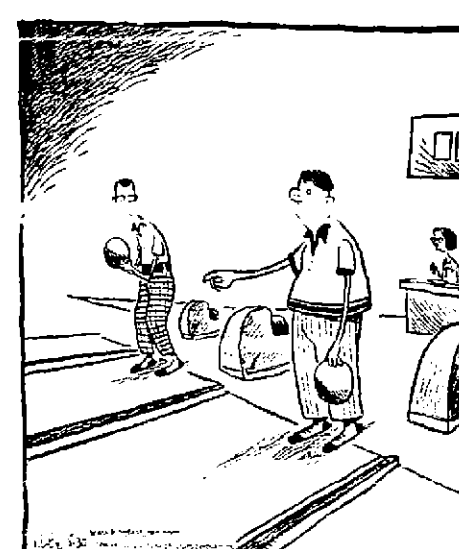
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Country musician Johnny Gimble is 72. Actor Clint Walker is 71. Actress Ruta Lee is 62. Actor Michael J. Pollard is 59. Actor Stephen Tolowisky is 47. Actor Ted McGinley is 40. Actor Ralph Carter is 37. Country singer Wynonna is 34. Rock musician Tom Morello (Rage Against the Machine) is 34. Rock musician Patrick Doherty (Live) is 27. Actor Trey Parker is 26. Rapper Cee-Lo (Goodie Mob) is 24.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 65-75 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

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P	R	H	E	P	N	E
T	P	S	U	L	H	N
D	S	L	M	A	H	H
N	E	K	S	O	E	P

RACK 1
RACK 2
RACK 3
RACK 4

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Four of the same letters

H L J G S E C Z X V T R P N L
J H E C A T Y K O O B K O O C
R W S T A T U E T T E V T D N
O O R S P S O T A S E N H I L
K O S I E O G T T E F T S D C
B Z D S B N T S N G E S X D W
U S S O E O I R P E A O M L L
J A O I O S C S T S T R E E D
S B B I S V S E S A E T T D Y
X W S A U T Y A S E R Q O P O
N T D E N E P E E D M L K H J

Friday's unlisted clue: PRIDE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Saturday's unlisted clue hint: RECIPE BOOK

Assassin	Boo-boo	Hotnetot	Stuttgart
Assessor	Deepened	Messiness	Tattoist
Assists	Diddled	Sasses	Voodoo
Beefsteak	Eyeteeth	Statuette	

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HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, May 31, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Family themes continue to dominate. It's a great day for a picnic lunch or other outdoor outing.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You can put a halt to a bad situation at home before it gets worse. Thanks to your quick thinking, all soon returns to normal.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're relaxed and mellow as the day begins. Later the pace picks up, and you find yourself rushing to get things done.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Seek out someone who has the ability to cheer you up. Once you do, this person talks some sense into you.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) A situation involving some friends is finally clarified for you. All the pieces of the puzzle finally fit together.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You can bring a project to a conclusion. Getting that out of the way clears your schedule for leisure activities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Tension exists at home. While you generally assume the role of peacemaker, this isn't the time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You begin the day feeling bright and chipper. This carries through as you go about your various tasks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) It's a good time to organize closets, drawers and the like. What you don't need or can't use can be donated to charity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You are victorious in proving your point in a debate. In fact, you possess a silver tongue.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) It's never too late to learn. You show off heretofore undiscovered talents at a job you normally would have shied away from.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You take a breather and go out with friends. This much-needed respite helps restore your good spirits.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Today's gem was played almost 60 years ago. The unusual deal, a vivid example of contradiction, was first reported in The Bridge World magazine in 1943. Geoffrey Mott-Smith played the hand at four hearts, reached using the four-card-major bidding system of that day. However, the bidding is not important; his play at four hearts demands center stage. West led the spade queen, and South took dummy's spade ace. South then led dummy's trump 10 for a winning finesse and followed with a second trump lead to his jack. Then came the contradiction. After twice finessing against East's trump king, he reversed course. Leaving East with his king, South cashed the ace and king of diamonds and presented East with "his trump trick." As promised by East's overall and the opening lead, East had both the spade king and the club ace. Whatever East led now would provide a dummy entry, giving South his game (five hearts, three diamonds, the spade ace, and either the club king or spade jack). Note that East could not escape South's trap with his actual trump holding. Had East held the trump deuce, he could have escaped the trap by playing his high trumps on the first two leads. He could then have ducked with the deuce on the third round of trumps, leaving South on lead with only nine winners.

NORTH 05-30-A
 ♠ A J 8
 ♥ 10 5 4
 ♦ Q 10 5 2
 ♣ K 8 6

WEST EAST
 ♠ Q 7 ♠ K 10 9 4 3
 ♥ 9 ♥ K 7 6
 ♦ J 8 7 6 3 ♦ 9 4
 ♣ Q 9 7 4 3 ♣ A 10 2

SOUTH
 ♠ 6 5 2
 ♥ A Q K 8 3 2
 ♦ A K
 ♣ J 5

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1NT	2♣
3♥	Pass	4♥	All pass

Opening lead: Spade queen

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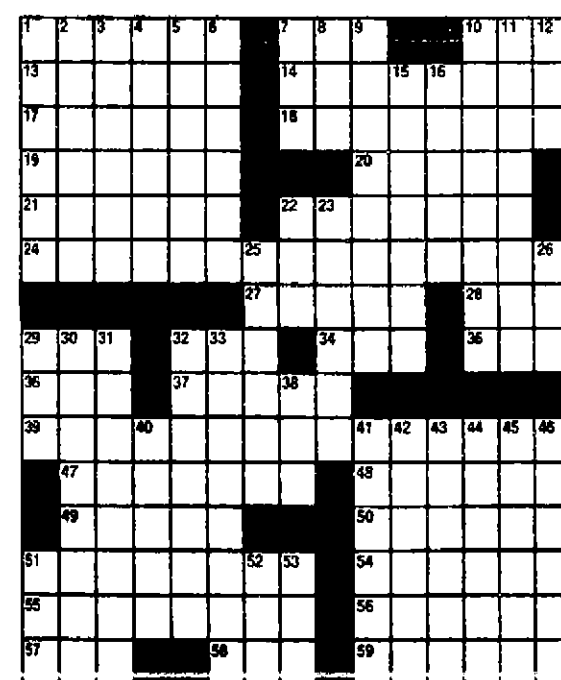
- 1 Girl, in Aussie slang
 7 ——— jongo
 10 Audi rival
 13 Novelist
 14 "Our Gang" schoolteacher Miss ———
 17 Alfalfa, for one
 18 Least sissyish
 19 French satellite launcher
 20 Arena tops
 21 Head squeeze
 22 Suffolk's county seat
 24 Children's classic
 27 1936 Medicine Nobelist Otto
 28 "Evil Woman" rock grp.
 29 Answer incorrectly
 32 Subj. of three of the six Nobel Prizes
 34 Adm.'s milieu
 35 Pavement caution
 36 Clover site
 37 Not flabby
 39 TV show set in Springfield
 47 Little lobster's look-alike
 48 Kitchen implement
 49 First name in comedy
 50 Get in
 51 Pertaining to construction
 54 " ——— in the Rain"
 55 Aeschylus trilogy
 56 Fume
 57 Curved path
 58 Party staple
 59 Ethyl acetate and others

DOWN

- 1 Surprised with, with "on"
 2 Eavesdropper
 3 Preserve, as fodder
 4 If
 5 Rest against
 6 A Francis
 7 Year the Paris Metro opened
 8 Heavenly neighbor of Scorpius
 9 Shop tools
 10 Word with knee or riding
 11 Slip site
 12 Marked by drinking
 13 Shown up unexpectedly
 14 Not exactly
 15 outgoing
 16 1939 hit " ——— for That"
 17 False

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SPEED PYRAMID
 TOLLED AREACODE
 POPDEIFIEDSELES
 ALA ROLLTOP DAP
 TESSERA ALI
 DOE TAO DAVIS
 ELM TREATISE
 AKAKADELEDSTATS
 MORTICIA SNE
 AKRON SSE NAG
 ROE LEADSON
 EMISS DINNERS LING
 TOTDIDCIVICDEED
 TIEONEON COURSE
 ONDATES TENTS



Puzzle by Frank Longo

- 28 "Russian and Ludmilla" composer
 29 Low
 30 Pointy shoe wearer
 31 Rude ones, at the dinner table
 32 Exhausting existences
 33 Dutch oven
 34 Blocked (on)
 35 Kind of user
 36 Does' mates
 41 Razorfish, e.g.
 42 39-Across, e.g.
 43 Charlie of swing
 44 Foreign flier
 45 Tennessee's first governor, John
 46 Courses
 47 Familiar tapper
 48 Article of the Constitution regarding the judiciary
 49 Topper

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